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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO U.S. INITIATIVES AT MEXICO CITY MFM:

INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

REF: STATE 064548, LIMA 2754

1. GOP WELCOMES OUR INITIATIVES ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. OFFICIALS IN ITINTEC, WHICH RECEIVES 2 PERCENT OF GROSS ANNUAL PROFITS OF ALL MANUFACTURING COMPANIES FOR TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH PURPOSES, SUGGEST FOLLOWING FORMS OF COOPERATION. (A) EASIER ACCESS ON PREFERENTIAL BASIS FOR LATIN AMERICA TO INFORMATION ABOUT PATENTED AND UNPATENTED TECHNOLOGY; (B) ACCESS TO COST DATA RELATIVE TO TECHNOLOGY SOLD TO DEVELOPED AND LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES; (C) PROMOTION OF TIES WITH U.S. INSTITUTIONS (GOVERNMENT, UNIVERSITIES, RESEARCH CENTERS, INDUSTRY) FOR COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS IN R&D; (D) CONSIDERATION OF ESTABLISHING AN INTER-AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY BANK.

2. CONSEJO NACIONAL DE INVESTIGACION, ATTACHED TO OFFICE OF PRESIDENT, SETS OVERALL TECHNOLOGY POLICY FOR PERU. DIRECTOR OF CONSEJO INDICATED NEED TO ADVANCE RESEARCH EFFORTS WITHIN THE COUNTRY. HE MENTIONED THAT LONG-TERM SCHOLARSHIPS ABROAD HAVE OFTEN LEAD TO BRAIN DRAIN AND THAT FOREIGN ASSISTANCE WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN PROGRAM OF VISITING EXPERTS AND IN

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DONATION OF NEW OR USED EQUIPMENT FOR LABORATORIES.

3. INCREASED INFORMATION FLOW FROM ABROAD IS ALSO PRIORITY FACTOR IN OPINION OF CONSEJO. ANDEAN PACT PROGRAM IN THIS AREA, ON WHICH SEMINAR JUST CONCLUDED IN LIMA UNDER OAS AUSPICES, SEEN AS PROMISING STARTING POINT.

4. FOREIGN MINISTRY AND NATIONAL PLANNING INSTITUTE WERE ALSO INFORMED OF U.S. INITIATIVE AND ABOUT THOUGHTS REGARDING INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. REACTION OF MIDDLE-LEVEL OFFICIAL IN FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS THAT COMMISSION COULD RESULT IN MERELY ONE ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATION HOLDING MORE MEETINGS WHICH, AT THIS STAGE, WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE CONFINED TO GENERALITIES. POSITION OF MINISTER, WHO LEFT FOR U.S. EVENING OF APRIL 8, MAY BE QUITE DIFFERENT.

5. PERU'S POSITION GENERALLY MARKED BY FEELINGS OF NATIONALISM AND BY DESIRE TO AVOID DEPENDENCE ON DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. AN INTERDEPENDENCE, ALBEIT UNEQUAL, WOULD BE MORE DESIRABLE OVER THE LONG-RUN.

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